

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

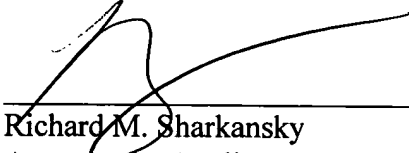
All pending claims were allowed except for claims 44 and 45. These claims are being cancelled without prejudice in order to move along prosecution; however, applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application with such cancelled claims

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Respectfully submitted,

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